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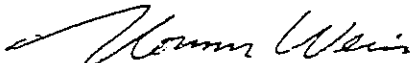
Dear Mr. Anton:

Thank you for your recent letter and update of your efforts to bring the Tri-City Landfill into compliance with applicable federal requirements. We appreciate the efforts you have taken to progressively deal with the groundwater investigation. Technical staff from the Department are available to assist your community in developing or evaluating the groundwater data being collected and analyzed. We would like to review the final groundwater report and data to determine if there is a groundwater problem which may affect public health or the environment within our jurisdiction. We are encouraged by Mr. Schmidt's preliminary assessment that the interim sampling has not shown any significant problems of concern.

Your on-going efforts related to channelization and development of berms to protect the landfill from washout may or may not provide adequate protection. Federal rules require protection of a landfill from washout of a 100-year base flood. We would recommend, if it already has not been done, that a professional engineer complete an analysis of the design and construction of the flood control structures to ensure they meet the federal EPA requirements.

Thank you for your letter and update on the facility. Again, DEQ staff is available to assist you in addressing these issues to the extent we can. We look forward to reviewing the final reports and data once completed. Your commitment and support in maintaining open lines of communication is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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Assistant Director

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